

Democratic State Ticket

For Clerk of the Court of Appeals,
THOS. J. HENRY,
OF MORGAN COUNTY.

Roderick McLean, who attempted to assassinate Queen Victoria last winter, has been acquitted upon the ground of insanity.

The Court of Appeals of Kentucky has decided that an atheist's testimony is as good as that of a Christian or any other man's.

The Ohio re-districting bill, which has become a law, gives the Republicans sixteen and the Democrats six districts, provided both parties hold their own in the next election.

We are gratified to know that our esteemed friend, J. Ramsey Dabney, a rising young attorney of Henderson, Ky., has been nominated by the Democratic party for county judge of Henderson county, by a handsome majority.

The indications are that the gubernatorial crop will be large by the time it is ready for the sickle. It will be ripe now in a few months. The State might shut her eyes and grab a Governor at random and she would run no risk of getting a poorer one than her present inefficiency.

The nominations of Messrs. F. L. McChesney, R. H. Thompson and Linn Boyd for railroad commissioners were rejected by the Senate. The Governor then sent in the names of Messrs. W. M. Beckner, of Clark; D. Howard Smith, of Henry; and Willis B. Machen of Lyon. These nominations gave satisfaction and were promptly confirmed. The salary is \$2,000 a year and expenses.

Congressman John D. White and ex-District Attorney G. C. Wharton had a little unpleasantness last week. White made a speech in the House charging Wharton with corruption and dishonesty in his office and Wharton retorted by calling White a liar and an ignoramus, or words to that effect, and expressed regret that the only Republican member of Congress from Kentucky was a man in whose hands the party suffered.

In another column we publish an interesting correspondence on the subject of frost warnings which is of much importance to tobacco growers. Mr. McKenzie ever alive to the interests of his constituents, has been endeavoring to secure a system of weather forecasts for this section, as will be seen from the letters published elsewhere. The matter is one of great moment and our energetic representative has merited the renewed endorsement of the people whose interests he so closely watches.

The Superior court bill has passed the Legislature. It provides for the election of three judges from the three several districts into which the State is divided. The Superior Court has jurisdiction of all appeals where the amount in controversy is less than \$3,000, except first, where there is involved the validity of a statute, second, the title to a freehold or right to a franchise; third, in cases of felony; fourth the probate of a will. The Clerk of the Court of Appeals shall be ex officio Clerk of the Superior Court. The court only continues four years; and provision is made for a transfer to it of all the cases now pending in the Court of Appeals, of which the Superior Court has jurisdiction. The counties composing this, the first district, are, as follows: Fulton, Hickman, Ballard, McCracken, Graves, Calloway, Marshall, Livingston, Lyon, Trigg, Crittenden, Caldwell, Christian, Todd, Logan, Warren, Henderson, Union, Webster, Hopkins, Davies, McLean, Muhlenberg, Hancock, Ohio, Butler, Grayson, Breckinridge, Hartin, Barren, Allen, Simpson, Edmonson, Meade and Hart. The judges will be chosen at the approaching August election.

The town of Brownsville, Mo., was visited by a terrific cyclone on the 19th inst. which carried death and destruction in its path. The following persons were killed: R. Scripps, a prominent farmer; C. Mayer, a leading dry goods merchant; Arthur and Williams, two traveling men, residence unknown; J. R. Payne, a Baptist minister; James Miller, a well-known young man; Mrs. Jno. Halpin, and City Marshal White; Perry and John Wilson, father and son, were fat-injured. All except City Marshal White were killed by falling buildings. He was upon the street, and was the most mutilated and disfigured of any. Many others were injured, some of them perhaps fatally. The damage to property amounted to \$150,000. About twenty frame and several brick dwellings were destroyed. A horse was raised by the wind and carried fifty feet into the air and dashed to death against a brick building. The physicians of neighboring towns were called in to help care for the wounded. Numbers of persons had limbs broken and fifty others were otherwise injured. The storm track was 200 yards wide and the ground over which it passed was charred and blackened and covered with a bluish, sticky mud. The storm also struck in the neighborhoods of Monroe, Paducah and Hank, but no lives were lost although a good many buildings were demolished.

Mr. Sam H. Crawford has become editor and proprietor of the Auburn *Evening Star*. The new editor should start out by giving the paper a decent name.

The Commercial's man, King, is ahead of Wm. Ellis, the Ashland murderer, in the affidavit business. He has made "statements" on both sides of the Henry case, and this is the man upon whose corroborated testimony the infamous charges against Henry are made.

The Courier-Journal's editorial on the Henry case last Saturday is one of the best articles that has appeared in that excellent paper for many months. Any Democrat who can read the statement of the facts, as set forth by one who knows all of the details, is not a Democrat in the true sense of the word and does not possess enough milk of human kindness in his heart to do unto others as he would have others do unto him.

The verdict of the State Central Committee exonerating Capt. Henry was unanimous and was concurred in by all of the representative Democrats who heard the witnesses examined before the committee. His vindication from the slanders of the Commercial is complete. There was not a word incriminating him beyond his own admissions. Mr. Whips, proprietor of the Willard Hotel, says no lady in his house knew of the affair until it appeared in the Commercial.

The bill for removing the Capital, was defeated in the House last Thursday by a vote of 52 to 52. It requires a two-thirds vote to move the Seat of Government. Louisville and Lexington offered respectively \$1,000,000 and \$500,000 for the Capital, but in spite of this it will still remain among the hills and hollows of an obscure country town. We are sorry to see that Mr. Breathitt voted against the bill.

Maj. A. E. Richards, having announced himself a candidate for Judge of the Superior Court, tendered his resignation last week as Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee. It was accepted and Mr. J. M. Atherton elected to fill the vacancy. The vacancy thus caused in the Committee was then filled by the selection of Maj. J. M. Wright. Maj. Richards, during his short service, has made an excellent Chairman and his retirement is to be regretted. His election as Judge of the Superior Court is almost assured.

We are told by the Bible that when a man sins and comes in penitence to the throne of grace and asks forgiveness, that his prayer is answered not once only, but seventy times seven. Have not the Breckinridge News and other papers enough Christian charity in their hearts to emulate the example of Almighty God, and forgive a brother when it is shown that he did not commit the offense for which they condemned him? We hope so.

Hon. J. A. McKenzie made one of the best speeches of the session last Thursday, on the tariff question. The Courier-Journal correspondent says the speech is conceded by all parties to have been the most entertaining of the session. It was listened to with marked attention throughout and was greeted with applause at frequent intervals. The speech was one that will live in history. It was witty, logical and argumentative and has made a national reputation for our distinguished Representative. We hope to publish the speech at some time in the near future.

Still another member of the Legislature is dead. Senator C. M. Harwood, of Shelby, died at his residence in Shelbyville last Thursday, the 20th inst. He went home from Frankfort in feeble health and continued to sink till death put an end to his sufferings. He was a leading lawyer of his section, and had never been a politician. He had held the office of county attorney when a young man and was elected to the Senate without opposition last year. He is the fourth member who has died during the present session.

Judge J. M. Bigger, of Paducah, is to day announced as a candidate for Judge of the new Superior Court, in this, the Western district, embracing one third of the counties of the State. Judge Bigger is well known not only in Western Kentucky, but throughout the State. He was Speaker of the House of Representatives during the session two years ago. He is a lawyer of wide legal attainments and has several years of active service on the bench to his qualifications for the office. Judge Bigger will be a strong man in the race and should be elected he will reflect credit upon the State in the discharge of the duties of the office.

The House committee on allowing the expenses attending the illness and funeral of President Garfield has submitted two reports. Among the items of the majority report are the following:

To Mrs. Garfield, less amount paid to the late President on account of his salary	\$500.00
Dr. Elias	25.00
Dr. Sprague, undertaker	15.00
Dr. Hamilton	15.00
Dr. Johnson	15.00
Dr. Davidson	15.00
Dr. Sullivan	15.00
Dr. Smith	15.00
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